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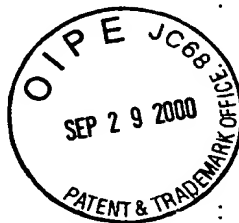
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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

- ✓ Claim 22, line 4, delete "having a Shore 00 durometer of from 1-" and insert --
comprising block copolymer and mineral oil--;
✓ lines 5 and 6 delete in their entirety.

Please add new Claims 52-55 as follows.

--52. The open-ended annular sleeve as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said gel composition has a Shore 00 durometer of from 1 to 100.

31 53. The open-ended annular sleeve as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said gel composition comprises up to 90% by weight mineral oil based on total weight of block copolymer and oil.

54. An open-ended polymeric annular sleeve configured to receive a limb of a wearer and comprising an inside, an outside, a first open end, a second open end, and an intermediate